

REMARKS

Claims 29-40 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 5, 10, 15 and 20-28 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14 and 16-19 were previously canceled. Applicants appreciate and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 29-40 are allowed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 5, 10, 15 and 20-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aoki (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,315). Claims 5, 10, 15 and 20-28 are now canceled, and thus the rejection with respect to these claims are now moot.

The Office Action has indicated that claims 29-40 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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